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SUBJECT: MBFR: DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR AHG ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA

REF: A) USNATO 4956; B) STATE 204449

1. SPC ON SEPTEMBER 19 DISCUSSED IS DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG ON USE OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA (PARA 3, REF A). US REP SUGGESTED THE REVISIONS OF POINT B PROPOSED IN PARA 3, REF B. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS LANGUAGE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO WANTED TO SUPPORT THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES THROUGH THE OTIGINAL POINT B, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT FORECLOSING NATO OPTIONS IN ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE NAC GUIDANCE ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN ALLIED PROPOSAL. NETHERLANDS (SIZOO), FRG (HOYNCK), AND BELGIAN (BURNY) REPS, WHO HAD WANTED OTIGINAL POINT B, RESPONDED THAT US LANGUAGE DID NOT MEET THEIR CONCERN THAT ANY EXCHANGE
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OF AIR DATA IN ADVANCE OF AN EXCHANGE OF GROUND FORCE DATA WOULD SHIFT THE FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA AWAY FROM GROUND FORCES. THEY ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE US LANGUAGE CONCERNING NAC DISCUSSIONS ON INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER WAS PREMATURE.

FRG REP FURTHER STATED THAT IF NAV LATER MAKES DECISIONS ON INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER, IT CAN THEN DECIDE HOW DATA WOULD BE USED IN THAT CONTEXT.

2. FRG REP PROPOSED AN ADDITION TO THE FINAL SENTENCE IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. AFTER "LIMITATIONS" INSERT THE PHARSE "AND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ILLUSTRATING THE WESTERN CONTENTION CONCERNING AIR FORCE MANPOWER".

3. COMMENT: AT SPC MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 WE WILL HAVE INSTRUCTED COMMENTS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS ON THE US PROPOSAL. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FRG, DUTCH AND BELGIAN VIEWS ON THE US PROPOSAL WILL BE ANY MORE FAVORABLE AT THAT TIME. MISSION SEES THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE WAY OF MEETING THE US CONCERN, IF SPC DOES NOT ACCEPT US PROPOSAL, WHICH WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO AUTHORIZE US TO PROPOSE. WE WOULD ADD AT THE END OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE IN PARA 3, REF A THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. "THIS GUIDANCE WOULD NOT GOVERN EXCHANGE OF DATA UNDER ANY FUTURE DECISIONS NAC MIGHT TAKE ON INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE AND ON FRG PROPOSED ADDITION IF POSSIBLE BY SPC MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. MCAULIFFE.

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